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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 13, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be made as indicated below. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 7 herein.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 herein.

¹*Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).